OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

FEBRUARY 1, 1967

STATEMENT OF: JORGE RODRIGUEZ
Born 4-19-1938

RESIDING AT: 4119 STEWART COURT MOVING SHORTLY TO
3609 BISSONET DRIVE, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA

EMPLOYED AT: OWNS OWN BARBER SHOP
JORGE'S BARBER SHOP
615 CARONDELET STREET
TELEPHONE 523-9912

The following are questions by Detective Lester Otillio of the District Attorney's Office on February 1, 1967:

Q. Do you know or have you ever known anyone by the name of Guy Banister?

A. Not that I know.

Q. Do you know or have you ever known a Dave Ferrie?

A. No.

Q. Do you know a Cuban doctor by the name of Dr. DeHoar?

A. No.

Q. Were you ever anyway connected with a Cuban organization located in the Balter Building?

A. No.

Q. Were you ever approached by anyone to contribute funds to free Cuba?

A. Many times.

Q. By whom?

A. Different people.

Q. Do you know of a Cuban organization right now that is sympathetic against Castro?

A. yes, the M.I.R.R. Commandos

Q. What does this represent?

A. [illegible] against Castro.

Q. [illegible]

A. [illegible]

Q. What kind of doctor?

A. Medical doctor.

At this point subject showed Det. Otillio a raffle donation of $1.00 connected with the M.I.R.R.

Q. When does this take place?

A. They haven't had a date. At this point I would like to say I am not a member of this organization, just sympathetic with them to free Cuba from Castro.

Q. Mr. Rodriguez, are you now an American citizen?

A. yes

Q. How long?

A. About 4 or 5 years.

Q. How long have you been in this country?

A. 11 or 12 years, July 1, 1955.

Q. Do you know or have you known a person by the name of Arcacha Smith?

A. I hear about him. - - Sergio.

Q. Is there anything that you may tell us or do you know of his whereabouts now?

A. No, I knew when he left because I hear in the barber shop. He left from here for some reason.

Q. You know where he went?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever met a man by the name of Hugh Ward?

A. Doesn't sound familiar.

Q. Have you ever met or known a woman by the name of Delphine Roberts?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever met or known a person by the name of Norman Lincoln Rockwell?

A. No.

Q. The name means nothing to you?

A. No, the only name that means something is Arcacha Smith.

Q. Does the name El Toro mean anything to you?

A. No.

Q. How about the name El Gato?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever at anytime since you have been here had anything to do with the New Orleans Airport such as flying?

A. No, I went there once to a demonstration in 1959 with a Cuban group protesting against the Batista people coming to this country and being allowed to stay here. This is the only time I recall going to the airport.

Q. Were you ever approached by anyone to join a small Cuban military group to train in activities across the lake?

A. No, I hear rumors about that but never did anyone approach me.

Q. Do you cater to mostly Cuban or Spanish trade?

A. No, my trade is about half and half but the shop itself has more Spanish than American trade.

Q. Does the name Vernon Gerdes mean anything to you?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. Just through the news media.

Q. Do you know of any other Jdorge Rodriguez spelling the same way, that lives in town now?

A. There is an architect and this other fellow that works for Morrison's Cafeterias. He is a butcher. I don't know who the other boy works for.

Q. Do you know his address?

A. No, his brother is teaching at Tulane. His brother's name is Raul Rodriguez. I hope if you are going to contact them, I hope you won't give my name because I don't want to be involved.

Q. Was your wife (your wife is Spanish?) involved with any Cuban organizations?

A. No, she is from Honduras.

Q. Do you know one whereabouts of the Rodriguez that is an architect?

A. Here in New Orleans.

Q. Is he employed for himself?

A. No, he works for a company. Once he worked for August Perez which is a firm. He was a very popular architect. I don't know if he is still there. I am not sure.

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AUDITORIUM PARK

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